

Version of amendments with markings to indicate additions and deletions

Any additions to the amended subject matter are underlined; and any deletions thereto are bracketed.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 14, 15 and 19 as follows:

14. The [surgical fastening assembly] method of claim 9, wherein the surgical fastener includes at least one positive surface feature, and wherein the fluid is in communication with at least one of the at least one positive surface feature.

15. The [surgical fastening assembly] method of claim 14, wherein the presence of the at least one positive surface feature reduces the predetermined distance by approximately 66% at the at least one positive surface feature.

19. The [surgical fastening assembly] method of claim 9, wherein the surgical fastener is formed from a bioabsorbable material.